

SHELBY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

Chapter 20. Motor Vehicles and Traffic.

Article V. Bicycles.

Sec. 20-100. Effect of regulations.

(a) It is an offense for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this article.

(b) The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any provisions of this article.

(c) These regulations applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any street or highway or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles subject to those exceptions stated herein. (Ord. No. 90, § 1, 8-5-92)

Sec. 20-101. Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles.

Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this chapter, except as to special regulations in this chapter and except as to those provisions of this chapter which by their nature can have no application. (Ord. No. 90, § 1, 8-5-92)

Sec. 20-102. Removal, alteration, etc. of serial number.

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the serial number of any bicycle frame registered pursuant to this article. (Ord. No. 90, § 1, 8-5-92)

Sec. 20-103. Equipment--Lights and reflectors.

(a) Every bicycle, when in use during hours of darkness, shall be equipped with a forward-facing light upon the front which shall permit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet, and with a rearward-facing red reflector upon the rear which shall be visible from 100 feet to 600 feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlight or headlamps on a motor vehicle. A light emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

(b) All new bicycles purchased after July 1, 1975, shall, and all others should, also be equipped with a forward-facing white reflector; sideward-facing amber reflectors on the front and sideward-facing red reflectors on the rear; and amber reflectors on front and rear sides of each foot pedal.

(c) Bicycles which are ridden in the streets or highways are recommended to use safety visibility pennants. (Ord. No. 90, § 1, 8-5-92)

Sec. 20-104. Same--Brake.

Every bicycle, when operated upon streets or roadways in the county, shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement. Such brake shall be maintained in good working order at all times. (Ord. No. 90, § 1, 8-5-92)

Sec. 20-105. Same--Bell or other signal device.

No person shall operate a bicycle on any street or roadway unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle. (Ord. No. 90, § 1, 8-5-92)

Sec. 20-106. Use of permanent seat required, carrying excess persons forbidden.

(a) A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

(b) No bicycle shall be used at any time to carry more persons than the number for which it has been equipped per person in terms of seats and handlebars, with the exception of properly installed child carriers with hand and foot protection. (Ord. No. 90, § 1, 8-5-92)

Sec. 20-107. Riding on roadways.

(a) Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway, excluding sidewalks, shall ride in the same direction as motor-driven traffic and shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(b) No person shall operate a bicycle on any part of any roadway where official signs have been erected and are in place indicating the prohibition of such activity. (Ord. No. 90, § 1, 8-5-92)

Sec. 20-108. Obedience to traffic-control devices.

(a) Any person operating a bicycle should dismount and walk his bicycle as a pedestrian across an intersection when traffic-control signals are in operation to regulate the flow of traffic.

(b) Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of all official traffic-control devices applicable to vehicles, such as stop signs, unless otherwise directed by an officer or deputy. (Ord. No. 90, § 1, 8-5-92)

Sec. 20-109. Riding on sidewalks.

(a) Any person may operate a bicycle on a sidewalk except where official signs have been erected and are in place indicating the prohibition of such activity.

(b) Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian or operator of sidewalk-type vehicles, such as tricycles, and shall

give an audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian or operator. (Ord. No. 90, § 1, 8-5-92)

Sec. 20-110. To be ridden in single file.

Every person, when operating a bicycle upon the streets or roadways in the county, shall ride such bicycle in single file only and at no time shall bicycles be operated two or more abreast. (Ord. No. 90, § 1, 8-5-92)

Sec. 20-111. Clinging to moving vehicles.

It shall be unlawful for any person riding upon a bicycle to cling or attach himself or his bicycle to any other moving vehicle upon a street or roadway. (Ord. No. 90, § 1, 8-5-92)

Sec. 20-112. Towing other vehicles.

The operator of a bicycle shall not tow or draw any coaster, sled, person on roller skates, toy vehicles or similar vehicle. (Ord. No. 90, § 1, 8-5-92)

Sec. 20-113. Acrobatic and unicycle riding.

(a) No person shall remove both hands from the handlebars or both feet from the pedals of a bicycle while riding on any roadway or sidewalk. Acrobatic or fancy bicycle riding in roadways or on sidewalks is prohibited.

(b) A unicycle (one-wheeled) device shall not be ridden in the roadway, but may be operated upon a sidewalk, except as where otherwise lawfully provided. (Ord. No. 90, § 1, 8-5-92)